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Mr. Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bob:

On behalf of the Select Committee on Intelligence, we wish to invite you to appear before a hearing the Committee will hold on March 20th at 4:00 P.M. The purpose of this hearing is to address issues relating to planning of intelligence on potentially critical situations in the Third World. This hearing is being held as part of the Select Committee's review of the Fiscal Year 1987 National Intelligence Strategy and the Committee's consideration of guidelines for the FY 1988 National Intelligence Strategy.

The hearing will be held before the full Committee and, of course, will be closed. Security considerations require you to furnish a list of all witnesses and staff who will accompany you to the Committee Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing. We ask that your presentation be as informal as possible and that any prepared statements be submitted for the record. Your presentation should not exceed 10-15 minutes so as to allow ample time for questions by the Committee Members.

In our hearings, we are examining the entire intelligence process; the levying of requirements; the collection, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence information; and the use of this information by the intelligence consumer. As a key producer of intelligence on the Third World, the Committee would like you briefly to outline your near-term priorities for intelligence collection and analysis on potentially critical situations that could affect important U.S. interests there.

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In addition to yourself, we have also invited to attend our March 20th hearing Secretary of State Shultz, and Richard Armitage, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, in order to provide the Committee an intelligence consumer's perspective. For the views of other intelligence producers we have invited Ambassador Morton Ambramowitz, Director, Bureau for Intelligence and Research of the Department of State and LTG Leonard Perroots, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

To give our staff ample time to prepare briefing materials for this hearing, please arrange for your representatives who will be involved in the preparation for the session to meet with our staff at least ten days before your scheduled appearance. This will ensure that the Committee will be able to cover all relevant issues.

If your staff has any questions concerning this hearing, please have them contact John Despres or Bruce Berkowitz, our staff members who are handling the arrangements for this session.

Sincerely,

Dave Durenberger
Chairman

Patrick J. Leahy
Vice Chairman

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